



**City of Varnell  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2022**

Members Present: Mayor Tom Dickson, Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem, Clyde Williams, Bob Roche, Richard Lowe

Absent Members: Sandy Pangle

City Administrator: Mike Brown  
City Clerk: Jamie Nance

**Executive Duties**

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Councilman Williams. Mayor Pro Tem Caylor led the pledge of allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor to approve the presented agenda, financial reports for September 2022, and minutes for the September 20, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

**New Business**

Councilman Williams presented the Public Safety Committee key points. Councilman Williams presented the Grant obtained by Chief Moreno for a training simulator, the grant is a 100% reimbursement grant. Council Lowe made the motion to complete the purchase of the training simulator for a full reimbursement after the purchase, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously with 4-0 vote.

Ethan Calhoun with Northwest Georgia Regional Commission gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council about the rezoning of Parcel 11-225-02-000 from R-2 to C-1. There are stipulations put into place to protect the Varnell Springs. 40% of the property that adjoins to the Springs must remain a green space with a 20-foot buffer. Nikki Davenport of the Karate studio assured the City that the goal is to have very little obstruction to the natural environment as possible. Councilman Roche made the motion for approval of the rezoning, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor with the stipulations that the commercial property will not have permission to use the Springs area entrance, carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

After discussion the motion was made by Councilman Williams to pay off the Varnell City Hall with the balance somewhere around \$201,000.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The Final reading of the City of Varnell's 2023 budget was approved with a motion being made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The 2022 tax digest rate will be set at 2.326 down from the 2021 rate 2.335 by .009 %. A final vote to approve the rate will be taken in the November 2022 meeting, after the digest has had time to run in the paper.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams to approve the updated Service Delivery Agreement between Whitfield County and the Varnell Municipalities. Seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comments.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jamie Nance  
City Clerk